

The Athenian Mercury.

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We thought it might be no small Entertainment to the Reader to insert the following Paper (which we received this Week from a *Worthy Gentleman*), intituled,

A Prophecy of King VWilliam's Greatness, By Stephen Mellish a Polonian. Presented to the French King by the Annotator and Publisher thereof, in Anno 1660. Translated from the High-Dutch, per T. B. who has the Original now in his hands, and is willing to shew it to any Gentleman that is desirous to be fully satisfied therein.

ON Palm Sunday (the 9th April); I Dreamed I was walking, and lo, a Certain unknown Man came into my Company, and we went together, till we came to a very great Palace; the Name of which I cannot tell. And the Man led me on one side, and asked me from whence I were? I said from Poland. What Persuasion (Religion) are you of? Of the Reformed, Evangelical, do you sing French Psalms? Yes, said I, that is my greatest Joy, lying down, and uprising. Hereby he gained my affection and said, Stand by me here, No evil shall befall thee; Thou shalt see great things which shall shortly come to pass; what thou dost not understand, ask me of it and I will explain it unto thee. Then presently he transformed himself into another shape, like that of a spiritual (Ecclesiastical) person, and I standing on this side him, saw all things very properly, And what I saw, I will declare the truth thereof, without any addition.

In the first place, was a Table of Silver, Four square, set in the midst of the Palace. Then came in a great King, Cloathed in Silver Rayment, and led the King of Sweden on his right hand, afterward set himself down at the Table, with his back Southward, and face Northward, and the King of Sweden over against him; And on the right side of the said King, the Elector of Heidelberg, of Saxony, of Brandenburg, having also their faces Westward, and backs Eastward; But between this King and the Elector of Saxony, sat a Cardinal, or some spiritual person of great Authority, in a Silver Chair, at the Corner of the Table, holding in his hand a Bishops Crozier of Silver, that was very thick, and was Cloathed in long Priestly Robes all of Silver, as was the King, and was Girded also with a Girdle, and had on his head a Cap of an unusual form.

On the left side, sat one, much like unto Raxori, Cloathed after the Hungarian manner, the Spanish Ambassador near to him, and then the Emperors, and others: The English and Dutch Embassadors sat next to the King of Sweden. About this King stood Silver Chairs all round, on which sat the mighty States General, ranged in order in three Rows. And then there was a very great noise of shouting, and after the shouting, were Psalms, and spiritual Songs, Sung after the French manner, so that from this Singing, and from the Musick of all sorts, a mighty noise was made; The Singing Masters

(*Menselich Zungen*) did assist aloud, in Singing the Psalms, the tune of which was known to me. After this a small Silver Table was brought in on Two Stands, on which lay the Popes Crown; And presently at the desire of this King, and of the Princes, the above mentioned Cardinal stood up; and strooke the Crown with his staff; so that it flew all to pieces, and the Pieces lay upon the Silver Shiver, there was then great shouting, and being done, there was a mighty noise of shouting, and after the shouting there was great singing, and playing of Instruments.

Then came in a Queen and set her self down near the King, Cloathed like him, and behind her came a Train of Ladies, Singing aloud of Psalms and Songs, bringing a Noble present with them, on a Golden Stand, which they presented the King, and then was heard a mighty noise of shouting, to wit, beyond the seas; After this came a mighty throng of Nobility and Gentry, from all parts of the world, and brought the said King a Crown and a Sword, which Crown in presence of all the Potentates they laid before him and put the Sword in his hand that he should fight against the Babylonish beast; and then made him a Complement, which I could not understand, for it was done in French, and the man I durst not ask only what related to my seeing, and apprehending of things, on which was made a mighty noise of shouting and singing: And then came in a Company appearing like Citizens, and brought the King a Noble present, and made him a Complement, but I could not understand it: And all this a new was compleated with shouting, singing, and playing on Instruments.

And now when the Nobility had brought the Crown and put the Sword into the Kings hand, The said King gave the King of Sweden the right hand, and the Princes and Potentates who stood by, and the King, put their hands thereon, and kissed each other; upon which they Sung the 20 Psalm, and then a far greater noise of shouting and singing was heard; so that the very Earth shook again. Then hereafter they all stood up, and went into a great Church, where the King Crowned the before mentioned Cardinal, and set upon his head a singular Patriarch Cap, like a Cardinals Hat, and many Preachers set thereby Cloathed in white Garment, by and round the Altar, and sung French Psalms in the presence of many thousand Men. Then the King appointed him to be the Overseer of Gods Church, as was Moses, Samuel, &c.

Out of this Church I met with the same Man in the open field, where the King mustered his Army, and sent his Forces towards the South and the West, manfully to fight, and oppose all who should withstand him. But the Cardinal did appoint a Reformation in all Cities, and ordained liberty as in the old Law. But what could not by him be determin'd that should come before the King.

It was also ordained, that nothing either in Spiritual or Temporal affairs, should be transacted without the knowledge of this King, and the forementioned Potentates. His forces did mightily encrease from all parts, and his dominion lies as if it were *Danishland*, and he shall remain a Celebrated King as long as the world endures, and he shall have no end. Also in the time of his Reign there shall be Peace, Unity and all manner of Good, as in *Solomons* time. And it was clear day, and I awaked.

The foregoing lines are a Vision, or Prophecy of one Stephen Mellish a Polonian, I have eleven more by me of the same, with notations on them. Printed in Anno 1678. But the above (for my diversion, as also for some suitability) which I thought I saw in it to the present Con-juncture) I thought worth my while to Translate as well

as I could from the original, high Dutch. The Publisher and Annotator on the said 12 Visions tells me, that the 3 first were fulfilled presently after the Revelation of them, that the 5 following were in fulfilling, and therefore doubts the less of the fulfilling of the 4 last.

Johannes Amos Comenius, in his last Trump over Germany, page 55. gives *Stephen Mellish* the following Character. I which have knowledge of him, his person and Conversation, am satisfied in the Lord, In the first place, that he himself did not endite his Revelations; since that he is a man really pious and one that truly fears God, in the second place, that he could not if he would, being a very simple Man, and such things go above his understanding; In the third place, that God having so seconded him and his Revelation, as to fulfil most of them in a short time, doth truly declare that they can proceed from no other cause but from him that knoweth all things. So far *Johannes Amos Comenius*, quoted in the Preface of my Little Book, but who he is I cannot tell, I suppose him to be a learned Pole or German, but let him be who he will, the Character seems to be very sincere and honest, and therefore has induced me to Transcribe it. The Publisher and Annotator on the before-mentioned 12 Visions, supposed this Great King in my Text to be the King of France, and about 30 years ago presented them to him at St. Germain's (with several other Books) by the hand of the *Eul of Cominge*, who told him that the King had received it, and sent it to the *Sorbon*, with a Command that the Doctors should pursue it, and give him the sense of it. No doubt but *Lewis* the 14th flattered himself much that he was to be this great King, and probable it is that he drew some of his measures therefrom; for we find he began to pick Quarrels with the Pope, and designed to have set up a Patriarch in France, and had he not had other work cut out, he might have made a considerable advance therein. But now to his mortification, he may easily perceive he is not the Man, being not at all joyned in any such Confederacy, but without the help of the *Sorbon* he may Interpret my Prophet, and plainly see who is.

At first, when I hapned on this Prophecy, (being in Switzerland, Anno 1692.) I thought it might be some Counterfeit Calculated to the Meridian of King William, and the Confederacy, being it seemed so plainly to point them out, so I consulted the date of it, which being in 1678. I was better satisfied, but because in the Confederacy I saw not the King of Sweden concerned, I laid it aside. But Queen Mary dying there then seemed a door to be opened to let the King of Sweden come in. For should King William marry his daughter, 'tis feasible enough that he should give the King of Sweden the right hand being his Father, and this being concerted, 'tis very probable such a Conjunction would bring about great matters; and at last open a door for the Reforming Patriarch or Cardinal (not Furstemburg) to have his share in the Prophecy, so then the whole would be fulfilled.

Advertisements.

The Letter written by Sir *DUNCOMB COLCHESTER*, a little before his Death; containing his REMARKABLE PENITENCE (which Letter was read Publickly, by his Order, in the Parish-Churches of *Michel-Dean* and *Westbury*) is now publisht, with other late Instances of that Nature. All which are annext to Mr. *TURNER's* Essay upon the Works of Creation and Providence, publish'd this Week. To which ESSAY is added a SCHEME of the History of

Remarkable Providences, now preparing for the Press. As also a large SPECIMEN of that Work.

Whereas PROPOSALS have been made for Printing by Subscription—An History of all the Remarkable Providences which have happened in this present Age, &c.—By *WILLIAM TURNER*, M. A. and Vicar of *Walberton* in *Suffex*; This is to give Notice, That those that expect any benefit by the said PROPOSALS, are desired to send in their First Payment, (viz. 15 s.) with all possible expedition, the first of September next, being the longest time allowed for taking in Subscriptions.—PROPOSALS and SPECIMENS, giving a full Account of this Work, may be had of the Undertaker, *John Dunton*, at the *Raven* in *Jewen-street*, as also of *Edm. Richardson*, near the *Poultry-Church*, and of most Bookellers in *London*, and the Country.

Some Remarkable Passages in the LIFE and DEATH of her Late Majesty, not hitherto made publick, as they were delivered in a Funeral Oration; Pronounc'd by Publick Authority, in the Hall of the Most Illustrious States, upon the Day of the Royal Obsequies, March 5. 1694. By *FRANCIS SPANHELMIOUS*, F. F. Chief Professor of the Academy of *Leyden*.—Done into English from the Latin Original. Price 1 s.

Mr. *Saul's* Translation of the 2d Volume of *Malbranche's Search after Truth*. To which is added the Life of *Malbranche*.

All four Printed for *John Dunton*, at the *Raven* in *Jewen-street*. And may also be had of *Edm. Richardson* near the *Poultry-Church*.

If any Minister's Widow, or other person have any Library, or parcel of books to dispose of, if they will send a Catalogue of them, or notice where they are, to *John Dunton*, at the *Raven* in *Jewen-street*, they shall have ready money for them, to the full of what they are worth.

Such Persons as are willing to Buy or Sell Blank or benefit Tickets in the *Million Lottery*, may have ready money for either, or be furnished with either, at the *Mercury Office*, at the sign of the *Trinity-House* in *Finch Lane*, *London*, every day, from 1 a Clock to 4 in the Afternoon; Attendance being given those 3 hours only.

IN *Grays-Imm-Lane* in *Plow-yard*, the third door, lives Dr. *Thomas Kirleus*, a Collegiate Physician, and Sworn Physician in Ordinary to King *Charles* the Second, until his death; who with a Drink and Pill (hindring no Business) undertakes to cure any ulcers, sores, swellings in the nose, face, or other parts; scabs, itch, scurfs, leprosy, and Venereal diseases, expecting nothing until the cure be finished: Of the last he hath cured many hundreds in this City, many of them after fluxing, which carries the evil from the Lower Parts to the Head, and so destroys many. The Drink is 3 s. the Quart, the Pill 1 s. a box, with Directions; a better Purger than which was never given, for they cleave the body of all Impurities, which are the causes of dropsies, gouts, scurvy, stone, or gravel, Pains in the head, and other parts. Take heed whom you trust in Physick, for it's become a common Cheat to profess it. He gives his opinion to all that write, or come, for nothing.

From the Undertakers of the Royal Academy.

Finding a General Approbation of the Design of our late Proposals for establishing a *Royal Academy* here in Town, which notwithstanding has met with some difficulties, by reason of the great Number of Scholars we proposed to be taught, as also because some persons scrupled the security of performance, and others the word *Lottery*, or the method of being admitted by a fortuitous way of drawing; we have therefore, to obviate all possible Objections, thought fit to alter our former, and advance these *New Proposals*,

First, That most of the best Masters in Town shall still be retain'd by us, to teach the following Arts and Sciences.

Languages, *French, Latin and Greek.*

Writing and Accounts.

Mathematicks in all their parts.

Musick, *Organ, Harpsichord, Lute, Guittar, Theorboe, Viol, Violin, and Flute.*

Singing.

Dancing.

Fencing, Wrestling, Vaulting.

The Schollars in these Arts, and Sciences, are to be of two sorts.

First, *Externs*, who shall come to our *Academies*, and be taught three times a week, and three hours at a time, in any One of the abovesaid Arts, or Sciences, having power to change as often as they please, and learn any other, paying 5 s. for every such exchange; the rates payable by *Externs* are only 6 l. per Annum, whereof one half is to be advanc'd at their admittance, the other half, at the half years end. The number to be thus admitted into both our *Academies*, is at present design'd to be only 500.

Secondly, *Academicks*, who shall dyet, have Chambers, and necessary attendance in the *Academies* under the care and Government, of the Governour, and Masters living in the house. These also shall learn one Science at a time, and be taught the whole Week for 30 l. per Ann. at two payments as above, or 50 l. per Ann. for them and their Servant, paying also 5 s. for every time they exchange one Science for another. If either *Academicks* or *Externs* would be taught more than one Science at a time, they shall learn as many as they please at 30 s. per quarter each. The number of these is design'd to be only 100, in all 600.

And if any of our Scholars, should be in the least dissatisfy'd, or have any Extraordinary business to divert 'em from their studies, they shall be at liberty to sell, assign and transfer their right to any other person, who thereby shall be capable of the same priviledges, or if they please, shall at any Quarters end, deduct the remaining part, of their monies out of the stock.

We require not a present advance of any monies, but only a Subscription of the name and place of abode, of every one that designs to learn, and so soon as the Subscription Books are full, publick notice shall be given, for every intended Schollar, their parents, or Guardians to meet at one of our *Academies*, and choose among themselves 5 persons as Trustees, and representatives of all the rest, into

whose hands the Subscription mony shall be paid, they giving us security, that it shall be immediately put forth into the *Royal Bank*, or some where else, where it may lye ready for the necessary uses, and ends design'd and mention'd, in our proposals.

And for fear the said Subscription-mony should fall short, by miscomputation, or some unforeseen accident, the Undertakers will also at the same time, give the said Trustees the farther security of three thousand pounds, for a just and full performance of the undertaking.

The Office of these Trustees will be to assist the Undertakers in a Committee, to be call'd every month, where they shall have equal power, with the undertakers themselves, to hear all complaints, regulate all disorders; and make such good Laws, and Constitutions, as may be for the interest and reputation, both of the Scollars, and the Design. The Care and attendance of these Trustees will be considered out of the publick stock.

Every rational person may easily compute, that 'tis not any present Considerable Interest that now engages us in this affair, the rates of teaching being here reduc'd to less than one half what is commonly paid, to the meanest masters, reckoning one Science with another; but because his Majesty has been graciously pleas'd to promise, that so soon as it shall please God to bless us with a peace, he will very considerably encourage the Design, and in the mean time, has given us 1000 l. towards the building of a very large and noble Academy, in some convenient place near the Town; we therefore intend to begin to build, as soon as these Subscriptions are compleated, and will only at present take two *Academies*; one near the *Royal-Exchange*, the other in, or near *Covent-Garden*, for the present ease and Convenience of the Town, which two *Academies*, shall be converted into that one, which we design to build.

In this great Academy we are going to build, and upon which will be settled a handsome Fund to maintain it for ever, will be taught Riding, and all other Arts and Sciences now known in Europe, and by the best Masters which can possibly be procur'd, allowing 'em very advantageous Sallaries, that every Art may meet with its due Encouragement and Improvement.

But of this New Foundation we shall have occasion to speak more at large in a very little time; for the Number of our Subscribers being so few, and the Terms of Teaching so very advantageous, we doubt not but the Subscriptions will soon be full.

The Subscription-Books are now open, one of 'em at our Office, on the West End of the *Royal Exchange*, just under the *Oughtropers-Office*; the other at the Musick-Room in *Charles-street* in *Covent Garden*, where attendance will be given every Munday, Wednesday and Friday at the *Exchange*, and every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at *Covent garden*, from 1 till 5 o'Clock.

Also most of the Masters engag'd in our former Proposals, have each his Book for Subscriptions, to the same end.

